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Amendments To The Claims:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A positioning assembly of a crimper apparatus for automatically positioning a first cylindrical member for crimping to a second cylindrical member comprising:

a first plate and a second plate, the first plate having a nest to accommodate at least a portion of the first cylindrical member, the second plate having a nest to accommodate at least a portion of the first cylindrical member and/or at least a portion of the second cylindrical member, both the first cylindrical member and the second cylindrical member having a longitudinal axis extending in a longitudinal direction,

the first plate and the second plate longitudinally-moveable relative to one another in the longitudinal direction, in a first position the first plate constructed and arranged to be longitudinally-separated from the second plate in the longitudinal direction-in a first position, and in a second position the first plate immediately adjacent to the second plate, when in the second position the first plate and the second plate situated such that the first cylindrical member and the second cylindrical member would be in predetermined placement for joining.

Claim 2. (Original) The positioning assembly of claim 1, wherein the first plate has a nest longitudinally aligned with a nest on the second plate.

Claim 3. (Original) The positioning assembly of claim 2, wherein the first plate has a nest longitudinally aligned with a nest on the second plate and with a nest on a third plate, the third plate immediately adjacent to the second plate.

Claim 4. (Original) The positioning assembly of claim 1, wherein a first biasing member maintains the first position when activated.

Claim 5. (Original) The positioning assembly of claim 4, wherein a second biasing member maintains the second position when the first biasing member is not activated.

Claim 6. (Original) The positioning assembly of claim 4 wherein the first biasing member is at least one solenoid.

Claim 7. (Original) The positioning assembly of claim 5 wherein the second biasing member comprises a spring loaded force.

Claim 8. (Original) The positioning assembly of claim 1, wherein both the at least one plate and the second plate have a plurality of nests, at least two nests on the at least one plate being

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longitudinally unaligned from one another and being longitudinally aligned with nests on the second plate.

Claim 9. (Original) The positioning assembly of claim 8, wherein a third plate with at least two nests longitudinally unaligned with one another are longitudinally aligned with nests on the first plate and the second plate.

Claim 10. (Original) The positioning assembly of claim 1, wherein the first cylindrical member is selected from the group consisting of radiopaque marker bands, stent retaining members, hubs, catheter tips, or any combination thereof.

Claim 11. (Original) The positioning assembly of claim 10, wherein the second cylindrical member is a catheter tube.

Claim 12. (Original) The positioning assembly of claim 10, wherein the second cylindrical member is the inner tube of a catheter.

Claims 13-19. (Canceled)

Claim 20. (New) A positioning assembly of a crimper apparatus for automatically positioning a first cylindrical member for crimping to a second cylindrical member comprising:

a first plate and a second plate, the first plate having a nest to accommodate at least a portion of the first cylindrical member, the second plate having a nest to accommodate at least a portion of the first cylindrical member and/or at least a portion of the second cylindrical member,

the first plate and the second plate longitudinally moveable relative to one another, the first plate constructed and arranged to be longitudinally separated from the second plate in a first position, and in a second position the first plate immediately adjacent to the second plate, when in the second position the first plate and the second plate situated such that the first cylindrical member and the second cylindrical member would be in predetermined placement for joining, the first plate has a nest longitudinally aligned with a nest on the second plate and with a nest on a third plate, the third plate immediately adjacent to the second plate.

Claim 21. (New) A positioning assembly of a crimper apparatus for automatically positioning a first cylindrical member for crimping to a second cylindrical member comprising:

a first plate and a second plate, the first plate having a nest to accommodate at least a portion of the first cylindrical member, the second plate having a nest to accommodate at least a portion of the first cylindrical member and/or at least a portion of the second cylindrical member,

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the first plate and the second plate longitudinally moveable relative to one another, the first plate constructed and arranged to be longitudinally separated from the second plate in a first position, and in a second position the first plate immediately adjacent to the second plate, when in the second position the first plate and the second plate situated such that the first cylindrical member and the second cylindrical member would be in predetermined placement for joining, the first plate and the second plate have a plurality of nests, at least two nests on the first plate being longitudinally unaligned from one another and being longitudinally aligned with nests on the second plate.

22. (New) The positioning assembly of claim 21, wherein a third plate with at least two nests longitudinally unaligned with one another are longitudinally aligned with nests on the first plate and the second plate.